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Early Learning Council
Thursday, April 10, 2025
4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Facilitator(s): Jenna Sanders
Timekeeper: TBD
Scribe: Petricia Wright

Location:	We will be meeting in person at 819 NE Third Street in McMinnville. If you are ill or otherwise unable to be in person, please join us on zoom here: https://zoom.us/j/95521367556 +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
Attendees: * denotes absent	Early Learning Council: Amanda Lamb, *Amy Egli, Ann Stevenson, *Amy Stephens, Alejandra Marquez, DawnDee Walraven, Jenna Sanders, *Kelly Williams, Kourtney Ferrua, Lindsey Manfrin, Mindy Larson, Suey Linzmeier, *Tonya Hill, *Amanda Dallas, Dorie Vickery, Margaret (Peg) Miller M.D., Matthew Kintner, Odi Campos, Tonya Coker, Sara Scott, Julie Smith YCCO Staff: Jennifer Laine, Maribel Dobbins, Shealyn Wippert, Sean Cavaghan, Julia Peralta, Petricia Wright, Dan Cushing
Review Materials:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April ELC Agenda • March ELC Minutes • Early Learning Update • Executive Update
Meeting Norms:	CARE Courtesy: respecting time & each other Agenda: staying on topic Roles: taking responsibility, preparing by reviewing materials Evaluation: meeting the goal and following norms

(A) Action (D) Decision, (I) Informational, (P) Presentation or Handout

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4:00 P.M. (15) mins.)	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Announcements • Our local Head Start is still funded. • Sara Scott was introduced as the new Resource Developer for Child Welfare. Her role is community liaison, the quality control for the case workers, and the contact for deliverables. • Q&A re: Early Learning Update • No questions noted. 	Jenna Sanders

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVP update- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mid Valley Parenting has updated the application process and now has a grant-style funding option. The application process is open until April 25th. • KPI/Early Literacy update- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most of the money has been spent. The remainder of the dollars will be spent on books. Three Little Libraries are still available for hosting. Newberg Library may be able to locate hosts. 	
4:15 P.M. (15 mins.)	Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None noted 	Jenna Sanders
4:30 P.M. (15 mins.)	Legislative Update	<p>The following Bills are being watched now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 695: CCO Momnibus- Focused on maternal health and early childhood; passed the Senate committee and is now in the Ways and Means Committee. It is supported by Rep. Reynolds. • SB 1167: Child Success Act- This bill would provide \$1.8M to our early Learning Hub to fund its Child Success Model. It is now with the Ways and Means Committee. Yamhill CCO ELH is one of several pilot sites that are included in this bill. • HB 2205: CCO Contracts- CCO contracts will be for at least 5 years. If this bill passes OHA will extend the current CCO contract through 2028. It is now heading to the House floor, then on to the Senate committee. • A question was asked if the two-year extension would be a sure thing, to which Dan replied that the two-year extension would not be a sure thing because it would be administrative rather than the law. • HB 2010: Medicaid funding bill- Puts a tax on hospitals, insurance companies and CCOs, which is how Medicaid is funded. This is a renewal. • SB 2214: Department of Early Learning and 	Dan Cushing

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		<p>Care budget- Renewal of the biennial budget for the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC). Letters of support were submitted by Jenn Laine and two members of our Parent Leadership Council (PLC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 2452: Grants to CCR&R entities to help parents or guardians of children access childcare- • Passed and is now with the Ways and Means Committee. • This bill would bring back positions to the CCR&R that would do enhanced referrals and would be able to support families who have been kicked out of multiple programs. <p>Comments on HB 2452:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a more friendly parental approach and speaks about the important things to look for when looking for childcare. • There is a misunderstanding with the state about the 211 system and boundary lines. • Concern was expressed that some of the families receiving ERDC are not connected to programs because they are not receiving adequate support. • SB 694: Increases Child Tax Credit- • Increases the amount from \$1,000 to \$1,200. Also increases the income threshold so that more people can qualify. • The state revenue forecast comes out on May 14th, which is the last revenue forecast before the budget people at Ways and Means must make their decisions about what we will be spending money on in the next two years. The biennial budget starts July 1st. • The next Lobby Day will be held virtually on May 6th, with a kickoff meeting on May 5th. Email Dan for more information. 	

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4:45 P.M. (15 mins.)	State Level ELC Update & Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ELC at the state level is a governor-appointed board with members representing each congressional district in the state. It consists of 11 members, though one seat is currently vacant. The Council is charged with coordinating a unified and aligned system of early learning throughout Oregon to ensure that all children, no matter what their background or their community, enter school ready to learn and that all families are healthy, stable and attached. This cross-sector work is represented in Raise Up Oregon - a statewide strategic plan focused on actions that state agencies can use in partnership with families, communities, and the private sector to build a comprehensive early childhood system. Early Learning Hubs are considered the boots on the ground for the Early Learning Council with 16 Hubs across Oregon. The rules have not been modified since 2018. After discussion at the RAC and several open sessions for public feedback, the ELC will review and approve them at their meeting in June. To watch the Rules preview with the ELC please use this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmlzFDV8jFI. The rules preview starts at 4:08:58 – 4:27:25. Submit written comment by emailing DELC.RulesCoordinator@delc.oregon.gov until May 31st. Please use this link to obtain the public feedback session Zoom info: https://www.oregon.gov/delc/about-us/Pages/rule-making.aspx#Public April 29, 5:30-7 pm and April 30, 12-1:30 pm. Please message Gaby gabriela.hernandez@delc.oregon.gov the Council administrator for info on how to watch the ELC meeting live. 	Dr. Peg Miller

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules become effective October 1st, 2025. One of the ELC's priorities is a comprehensive home visiting system. They are looking at the models that work and trying to improve the system, but with flexibility for regions to do what works best for them. <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A question was asked how much the PSU CCOHVS group is engaged in the conversations that are happening in the state. The CCOHVS group was the result of this committee. Since COVID, a lot of home visits have been happening at the Newberg Library. There have been conversations about changing the name of home visiting to family visiting. A question was asked regarding where the reports come to the Hub from. Agency Directors submit the reports. 	
5:00 P.M. (25 mins.)	CCR&R Advisory	<p>Review of two Yamhill County projects –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passion To Profit Grant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funded by YCCO Designed to expand childcare capacity by increasing the number of licensed slots in Yamhill County. 11 of the 12 grant recipients have successfully met their initial milestones. The locations are in Amity, Sheridan, McMinnville, Newberg, and Lafayette. The grant funding timeframe was for one year and funds for a second year have been received. There will not be a second cohort. The training sessions offered have had a strong emphasis on handbook and policy development, positive discipline, social-emotional learning, and inclusive practices. Programs are developing more thoughtful, comprehensive and intentional program philosophies and operational policies. The council has been asked for suggestions for 	Jenna Sanders & Julie Smith

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		<p>the next steps for the Business Navigator to support growth in Yamhill County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selling this idea to businesses was suggested. <p>Early Learning Apprenticeship Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nine new apprentices and two additional training agents joined the program, yielding a 90% fall cohort retention rate, which significantly exceeds the national early learning staff turnover rate of 30%. An online platform called WorkHands has been implemented to track apprenticeship progress. Asynchronous training modules are now being approved by Oregon Registry Online (ORO), which is enabling flexible, self-paced learning opportunities for both apprentices and educators. The spring college course begins this week, with 82% of apprentices enrolled alongside several mentor teachers. The minimum age for apprentices is being revised to 16, although they must be 18 and able to pass the background check to complete the program. A wage survey is in process to find ways to be more responsive to all programs. Competencies are being rewritten to improve language clarity with BOLI. 	
5:25 P.M. (5 mins.)	Meeting Wrap-Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting is May 8, 2025 Captured Action Items: None noted. For the Good of the Order- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Start has The Week of the Young Child coming up. April is Child Abuse Prevention month. 	All
5:30 P.M.	Adjourn	<p>This meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm. Respectfully submitted by Petricia Wright, Administrative Assistant.</p>	

Next Early Learning Council: May 8, 2025, 4:00 P.M. – 5:30PP.M.